

## **IC 2-5-36.1**

### **Chapter 36.1. Child Services Oversight Committee**

#### **IC 2-5-36.1-1**

##### **"Commission"**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the commission on improving the status of children in Indiana established by IC 2-5-36-3.

*As added by P.L.119-2013, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 2-5-36.1-2**

##### **"Committee"**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the child services oversight committee established by section 4 of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.119-2013, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 2-5-36.1-3**

##### **"Department"**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the department of child services established by IC 31-25-1-1.

*As added by P.L.119-2013, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 2-5-36.1-4**

##### **Child services oversight committee established**

Sec. 4. The child services oversight committee is established.

*As added by P.L.119-2013, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 2-5-36.1-5**

##### **Membership of committee**

Sec. 5. The committee consists of eleven (11) voting members appointed as follows:

- (1) Two (2) members of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore, not more than one (1) of whom may be from the same political party.
- (2) Two (2) members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker, not more than one (1) of whom may be from the same political party.
- (3) The director of the department of child services or the director's designee.
- (4) An individual who is a court appointed special advocate, to be appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court.
- (5) The executive director of the prosecuting attorneys council or the executive director's designee.
- (6) The executive director of the public defenders council or the executive director's designee.
- (7) A provider to the department of foster care, residential services, or group home services, appointed by the president pro tempore.
- (8) One (1) juvenile or family court judge, appointed by the speaker upon the recommendation of the chief justice of

Indiana.

(9) One (1) individual representing kindergarten through grade 12 education, appointed by the:

(A) president pro tempore during even-numbered years; and

(B) speaker during odd-numbered years;

upon the recommendation of the superintendent of public instruction.

*As added by P.L.119-2013, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 2-5-36.1-6**

##### **Vacancy**

Sec. 6. A vacancy on the committee shall be filled by the appointing authority.

*As added by P.L.119-2013, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 2-5-36.1-7**

##### **Chairperson appointment**

Sec. 7. (a) The president pro tempore shall appoint a member of the committee described in section 5(1) of this chapter to serve as chairperson of the committee from January 1 through December 31 of odd-numbered years.

(b) The speaker shall appoint a member of the committee described in section 5(2) of this chapter to serve as chairperson of the committee from January 1 through December 31 of even-numbered years.

*As added by P.L.119-2013, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 2-5-36.1-8**

##### **Duties of the committee**

Sec. 8. (a) The committee shall do the following:

(1) Review quarterly data reports from the department.

(2) Review annual reports from the department of child services ombudsman (established by IC 4-13-19-3).

(3) Make recommendations to the commission to improve the delivery of child protection services in Indiana.

(4) Submit an annual report before November 1 to the commission.

(b) The committee shall meet:

(1) at least quarterly; and

(2) at the call of the committee's chairperson.

*As added by P.L.119-2013, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 2-5-36.1-9**

##### **Operating under policies governing study committees**

Sec. 9. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the committee shall operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the legislative council.

(b) The committee may meet at any time during the calendar year.

*As added by P.L.119-2013, SEC.2.*

**IC 2-5-36.1-10**

**Staff support**

Sec. 10. The legislative services agency shall provide support staff for the committee.

*As added by P.L.119-2013, SEC.2.*